

**Testimony in support of HB 6200**

I am a 32 year old Mom and have recently been diagnosed with Lyme Disease after YEARS of suffering and

misdiagnosis. I have been to at least 15-20 different specialists and given a different diagnosis from each. I have

been diagnosed with Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Interstitial Cystitis, Anxiety, Depression, Fibromyalgia,

numerous cardiac problems, neurological issues, Endometriosis, Ovarian Cysts, etc. My primary care doctor

told me this past November that this is "all in my head." I refused to accept this as I was having daily fevers,

nausea, vertigo, had lost 20 pounds in a matter of 2 months (I was 120 and now am just under 100 lbs.) heart

related issues, shortness of breath, etc. I stated researching my symptoms and all of my symptoms pointed to

Lyme Disease. I made an appointment with a Lyme Specialist (LLMD) as my regular blood tests for Lyme

were negative. I was "clinically diagnosed" in November of 2008. I was supposed to be starting IV antibiotics in the

beginning of February 2009 but my insurance has denied my treatment. I am going downhill very quickly and need

treatment but insurance is denying. I am on disability from work and am unable to do much as this illness has taken

so much from me. I feel that if I had been correctly diagnosed from the beginning, I would not be where I am

today. Lyme Disease is a growing epidemic and our doctors need to be aware of this disease and not brush

their patients aside as many have done to me. We need to get the awareness out there, please help us so that we

can get the proper treatment from the beginning and not have to suffer for so many years as this

disease progresses and we continue to be denied treatment by insurance companies.

Sincerely,

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